

Re. : Response to Office Action Mailed December 21, 2004
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I. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0084] with the following amended paragraph:

[0084] As seen in Figures 11-12, the basketball goal system 10 can have other suitable configurations and arrangements. For example, as shown in the accompanying figures, a support structure 100 may be used to attach the backboard 12 and goal support assembly 130 ~~60~~ to the support pole 40. The support structure 100 preferably includes an upper support member 102 and a lower support member 104, and these support members may be curved as shown in the accompanying figures. The upper support member 102 includes a first end 106 that is attached to the backboard ~~basketball~~ support assembly 52 and a second end 108 that is attached to the support pole 40. The lower support member 104 includes a first end 110 that is attached to the backboard ~~basketball~~ support assembly 52 and a second end 112 that is attached to an elongated member 114 that preferably forms a portion of a height adjustment mechanism 116. The lower support member 104 also includes a interior portion 118 that is attached to the support pole 40. Desirably, the upper and lower support members 102, 104 are pivotally attached to the backboard support assembly 52, support pole 40 and the height adjustment member 116 to allow the height of the backboard 12 and rim 70 to be adjusted. It will be appreciated, however, that the support structure 100, upper support member 102 and lower support member 104 can have other suitable configurations depending, for example, upon the size and configuration of the backboard 12, support frame 14 or support pole 40.

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Please replace paragraph [0095] with the following amended paragraph:

[0095] The basketball goal system 10 shown in Figures 13-16 can also include a support structure 160 that may be used to attach the backboard 12 to the support pole 40. The support structure 160 may include an upper support member 162 with a first end 164 that is attached to the backboard ~~basketball~~ support assembly 52 and a second end 166 that is attached to the support pole 40. The support structure 160 may also include a lower support member 168 with a first end 170 that is attached to the backboard ~~basketball~~ support assembly 52 and a second end 172 that is attached to a height adjustment mechanism 174. The lower support member 168 may also include an interior portion 176 that is attached to the support pole 40. It will be appreciated that the support structure 160, upper support member 162 and lower support member 168 can have other suitable configurations depending, for example, upon the size and configuration of the backboard 12, support frame 14 or support pole 40.